

REMARKS

Claims 1, 17, and 36 are pending. Claims 17 and 36 have been cancelled. New claims 41-81 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

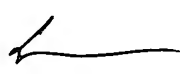
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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